

OFFICE OF CHEMICAL SAFETY & POLLUTION PREVENTION  
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IMPORTANT DEADLINES

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### UPCOMING PUBLIC EVENTS

**June 8-9-** OPPT expects to host the first meeting of a Negotiated Rulemaking Committee on Chemical Data Reporting Requirements for Inorganic Byproducts. The objective of the Committee is to negotiate a proposed rule that would limit chemical data reporting requirements, under subsection 8(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), for manufacturers of any inorganic byproducts when such byproducts are subsequently recycled, reused, or reprocessed. The negotiated rulemaking process is required by the Lautenberg amendments to TSCA. The public is invited to attend.

**June 12 -** The 2017 Green Chemistry Challenge Award winners be honored on June 12 at a ceremony in Washington, DC. These annual awards recognize chemical technologies that incorporate the principles of green chemistry into chemical design, manufacture, and use. OCSPP sponsors the Green Chemistry Challenge Awards in partnership with the American Chemical Society, Green Chemistry Institute and other members of the chemical community including industry, trade associations, academic institutions, and other government agencies.

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### LAST WEEK HIGHLIGHTS

#### **Extension of Effective Date for the Certification of Pesticide Applicators Rule**

On June 2, EPA issued a final rule that delays the effective date of the C&T rule until May 22, 2018. On May 15, EPA solicited public comment on the proposed delay of the effective date and received more than 130 comments (18 commenters supported the extension and the rest opposed). A summary of comments and EPA's responses are included in this final rule. EPA is delaying the effective date to give recently arrived agency officials the opportunity to conduct a substantive review of the regulation. This is the fourth extension to the effective rule date. EPA's second extension has been challenged in the 9<sup>th</sup> circuit. The final C&T rule (issued January 4, 2017) revises regulations concerning the certification of pesticide applicators who apply restricted use pesticides.

#### **Initial Release of the 2016 Chemical Data Reporting (CDR) Data**

EPA released initial data collected under EPA's Chemical Data Reporting (CDR) rule from the 2016 CDR reporting period. This initial release of the 2016 CDR data includes national production volume, other manufacturing information, and processing and use information, but does not include information that was claimed by the submitter to be confidential business information (CBI) or information that is being withheld to protect CBI. CDR data is collected every four years, with the latest submission period ending on October 31, 2016. Under the CDR rule, EPA collects basic exposure-related information on the types, quantities and uses of chemical substances produced domestically and imported into the United States. This information constitutes a comprehensive source of basic screening-level, exposure-related information on chemicals available to EPA, and is used by the Agency to help assess potential health or environmental effects of chemicals in commerce.